

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

### **Minutes of March 17, 2008**

Chairman McArdle called the meeting to order at 7:30PM. Board members present in addition to Chairman McArdle were Richard Gandt, Steve Clark, Richard Carlson and Boyd Jackson. Of the Selectmen's staff, Town Administrator Virginia Wilder, and Board Secretary Donna Rich, were in attendance. Other persons present were Jane Schraffa and Evelyn Hammond of the Topsfield Cable, and Brendan Lewis of the Tri-Town Transcript.

**Announcements:** Chairman McArdle announced that the Board would go into executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss the dispatcher's union contract and Call Fire Fighters Association request for voluntary recognition for Collective Bargaining.

Chairman McArdle also announced that EXPO 2008 is taking place on Saturday, March 29, 2008 at the Proctor School from 10AM – 2PM. Also, the Rail Trail Forum will take place on Monday, March 24 at 7:30PM at the Proctor School library and it will be telecast live over local cable.

**Selectmen Minutes:** Selectman Gandt made a motion to accept the minutes as written of the Working Session of February 27, 2008; seconded by Selectman Clark; so voted 5-0. Selectman Gandt made a motion to accept the minutes as amended of March 3, 2008; seconded by Selectman Clark; so voted 5-0. Selectman Gandt made a motion to accept the minutes of Executive Session of March 3, 2008 as written and to hold until all issues have been resolved; seconded by Selectman Clark; so voted 5-0. Selectman Gandt made a motion to accept the minutes as written of Joint meeting with the Finance Committee on March 3, 2008; seconded by Selectman Clark; so voted 5-0.

## **GENERAL BUISINESS**

### **Old Business:**

**MASCO Response to ABC Program:** MASCO School Committee and the Superintendent have submitted their response regarding the ABC Program.

### **New Buisness**

**Council on Aging Appointments:** Selectman Gandt made a motion to appoint Pat Carroll and Donna D'Agostino to the Council on Aging Board of Directors for a term to be from the current date and to expire on June 30, 2009, seconded by Selectman Carlson; so voted: 5-0.

**Repair of Monitoring Well at the Landfill:** Selectman Gandt made a motion to repair/replace the GMW-6 well by Weston & Sampson of Peabody, MA in the amount not to exceed \$3,000, seconded by Selectman Clark; so voted: 5-0.

### **Town Administrator's Report:**

Please see attached report.

## **Correspondence & Reports**

### **Correspondence**

Enpro has sent a letter releasing 32 Lockwood Lane of the petroleum issue they encountered on April 25, 2005.

Kopelman & Paige has sent a memorandum regarding snow & ice budgets.

Federal Aviation Administration has submitted an update of their multi phased Boston Logan Airport Noise Study (BLANS).

Road Commissioners have responded to the Chairman's Shared DPW Equipment inquiry.

Conservation Commission has sent a letter to the Bernstein's releasing them of the Enforcement Order that was issued on August 15, 2003.

Ipswich Town Manager is requesting the Essex County Retirement Board to consider moving the retirement funds to MA Pension Reserves Investment Trust (PRIT).

Resident at 106 Ipswich Rd., Travis Merritt, submitted a letter expressing a concern regarding beavers near Klock Park.

MBTA Advisory agenda of March 18<sup>th</sup> and minutes of Jan. 24, 2008

### **Reports**

Conservation Commission: Monthly Report for February, Minutes of June 13, 2001, June 27, 2001, October 10, 2001, October 24, 2001 and Executive Session of April 10, 2002, Sept. 10, 2003 Jan. 9 & 23, 2008, Feb 27, 2008, Certificate of Compliances: 81 S. Main St, 20 Town Lane, 18 Brook Rd and Determination of Applicability for 87 Perkins Row (IRWS), Amended Order of Conditions for 198 Central St.

Fire Department: Monthly Report for February

Police Department: Monthly Report for February

Town Accountant: Monthly Report for February

Web Site Committee: Minutes of January 23, 2008

Zoning Board of Appeals: Legal Notice for 17-19 Main Street-RiverSky Realty Partners LLC

Cable Advisory Committee: Minutes of February 6, 2008

### **Invitations:**

Suburban Coalition Annual Meeting: Planning for the Economic Future Monday, April 7, 2008 9AM-11:30AM at the State House

Council on Aging Luncheon: Volunteer Recognition Event on April 17, 2008 beginning at 10:30 at the Bee Building

Legislative Breakfast Series: MA Municipal Association has submitted a schedule of dates and locations for the MMA Legislative Breakfast.

Selectman Gandt took the opportunity to inform the citizens that the Town website calendar is not functioning. He mentioned that all meetings are being posted on the first page of the Town website in a 2 week time period.

**Warrants:** The Selectmen signed and approved warrants in the amount of **\$151,457.24**. The breakdown is as follows:

Warrant #FY08:	
075T	\$ 75,540.64
076	\$ 58,248.16
076A	\$ 17,668.44

At 8:00 PM, Chairman entertained a motion to adjourn, Selectman Jackson seconded the motion, vote: 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Rich, Secretary  
Selectmen's Office

*Approved as written at the March 31, 2008 Board of Selectmen's meeting.*